

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Marcus Soderlund	Confirmation No.: 3566
Serial No.: 10/535,033	Group Art Unit: 2618
Filed: May 13, 2005	Examiner: April S. Guzman
For: FLEXIBLE CONDUCTORS CONNECTED BETWEEN TWO PARTS OF A PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE	

DATE: February 28, 2007

MS AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

The present Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2006, (hereinafter "Office Action"). Claims 1-5, 8-13, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0212956 to Kuivas et al. (hereinafter "Kuivas"). Claims 6-7 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kuivas in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,798,649 to Olodort et al. (hereinafter "Olodort"). Claims 15 and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kuivas.

Applicant explains below why the Examiner's reliance on Kuivas to reject Claims 1-19 is not proper as a matter of law and, therefore, why Claims 1-19 are patentable over the cited references.

Kuivas was filed April 23, 2003 and issued on October 28, 2004. The present application was filed on May 13, 2005 under 35 U.S.C. § 371 as a national phase application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP2003/013000, having an international filing date of November 20, 2003, and claiming priority to European Patent Application No. 02025987.5, filed November 21, 2002, and United States Provisional Application No. 60/429,268, filed November 26, 2002. Claims 1-19 of the present application are supported by the European Patent Application No. 02025987.5, filed November 21, 2002. The above PCT International Application was published in the English language and has International Publication No. WO 2004/046900 A2.

Because Kuivas was filed on April 23, 2003 after the November 21, 2002 priority date of the present application, as a matter of law, Kuivas cannot be relied on as prior art to reject Claims 1-19 of the present application.

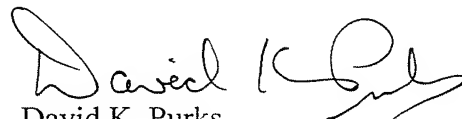
Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejections of Claim 1-19 and allowance thereof.

Applicant's reliance on the priority date of the present application to show that Kuivas is not prior art is not an admission by Applicant that Claims 1-5, 8-13, and 16 are otherwise anticipated by Kuivas, that Claims 6-7 and 14 are otherwise unpatentable over Kuivas in view of Olodort, or that Claims 15 and 17-19 are otherwise unpatentable over Kuivas.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,



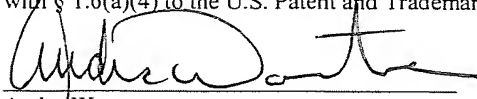
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